Agency Overview

The State Library is located in the Executive Branch of state government and is governed by the State Library Board, which is appointed by the State Board of Education.

The State Librarian, appointed by the State Library Board (I.C. 33-2503), is charged with implementing the Board's policies and rules and with managing the operations of the agency. Current State Librarian Ann Joslin works with 3 staff as a Management Team: two Associate State Librarians and one Office Services Supervisor 2. In our relatively flat organization, all employees work across faint "division" lines to support the agency mission.

The agency has 41 FTE positions and 3 office locations. The central office is in Boise at 325 W. State Street. Field offices are located in Moscow and Idaho Falls.

Idaho's State Library has its origins in the Columbian Club of Boise, which established the Traveling Library System in 1899. In 1901, the Idaho Free Library Commission was organized as a state institution and received its first appropriation. In addition to providing reading materials to Idaho citizens via the traveling library, the State Library was to assist in the establishment and improvement of free public and school libraries throughout the state, and to deliver, foster, and promote library services in Idaho.

Beginning in 1957, the State Library was designated as the Idaho recipient of federal funds under the Library Services Act (LSA); it was appropriated a significant increase in its general fund budget to provide the match necessary to receive the LSA funds. The federal program has evolved over the years, first to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), and most recently to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA funds are used for pilot projects, to implement collaborative projects among Idaho libraries, and for statewide programs for the Idaho library community.

In 1972, the State Library was designated as the depository for Idaho state public documents. In the same year, the State Legislature directed the agency to establish a library for the blind and physically handicapped of Idaho. As part of the State reorganization in 1974, the State Library was placed under the State Board of Education with library board appointments made by the State Board of Education. In 1984, library development services were added as a response to major changes occurring in the public library community. In 2002, after a 20% budget cut over two years, the State Library Board discontinued several direct services and revised the agency mission to focus on statewide library development: we assist libraries to build their capacity to better serve their clientele.

Our customers, Idaho's libraries, tell us that the demand for their services is growing. Idahoans (kids, adults, students, parents, businesses) want both traditional library services and 24/7 electronic information services. Planning for and maintaining the necessary trained staff, collections, and technology to provide both types of services is their challenge. Our challenge is to help Idaho libraries sustain their services and thrive in a constantly changing environment.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The primary function of the State Library is statewide library development. We provide continuing library education and consultant services to the Idaho library community, coordinate statewide library programs, administer grant programs for library development purposes, advocate for library services, and facilitate planning for library development at the local, cooperative, and state levels. Other functions include the designated depository for Idaho state public documents and the Idaho talking book service, both since 1972.

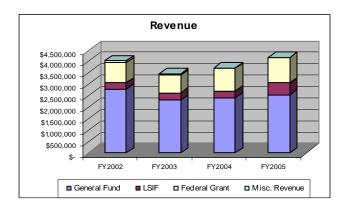
Following are the relevant citations in the Idaho Code and the US Code:

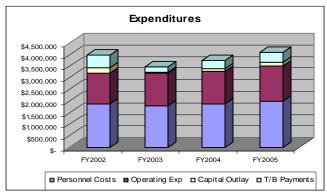
- IC 33-2501. State Library established.
- IC 33-2503. Powers and duties of the state library board.
- IC 33-2505. Depository for public documents.
- IC 33-2506. Library services improvement fund.
- 20 US Code Subchapter II, Library Services and Technology. As certified by the Idaho Attorney General, the State Library is the official state agency in Idaho with the authority to develop, submit, and administer the State Plan under the Library Services and Technology Act.

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Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Fund	\$2,787,500	\$2,308,300	\$2,418,600	\$2,552,200
Library Services Improvement Fund	\$279,500	\$316,700	\$306,400	\$524,200
Federal Grant	\$895,300	\$789,300	\$971,800	\$1,110,600
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$74,200	<u>\$65,200</u>	<u>\$17,800</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>
Total	\$4,036,500	\$3,479,500	\$3,714,600	\$4,198,500
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$1,873,200	\$1,787,300	\$1,858,100	\$1,961,900
Operating Expenditures	\$1,328,000	\$1,411,900	\$1,419,700	\$1,532,200
Capital Outlay	\$226,700	\$28,000	\$92,700	\$157,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$553,700</u>	<u>\$252,000</u>	<u>\$369,500</u>	<u>\$447,100</u>
Total	\$3,981,600	\$3,479,200	\$3,740,000	\$4,098,600





Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services				
Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
LiLI Databases Sessions/Logins	377,642	581,539	732,153	874,068
LiLI Databases Full Text Views	1,184,877	1,219,698	1,511,045	1,481,687
Talking Book Service Patrons	2,983	3,098	3,277	3,392
Talking Book Service Circulations 1	151,586	168,809	163,190	183,399
Attendance at Public Libraries ²	6,122,643	6,007,887	6,339,728	N/A
Registrations at Summer Reading	25,303	24,438	27,610	35,650
Programs				
Continuing Library Education	47 / 833	94 / 1,855	78 / 1,717	63 / 1,109
Opportunities Sponsored / Participants				
E-Course Completions	N/A	163	309	385

- Decrease in FY2004 due to problematic installation of a new automated circulation system.
- ² Statistics for public libraries are available 6 months after the end of their fiscal year, September 30.

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